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WHO: State Reclamation and Mosquito Control Board

DATE: February 5, 2004

WHERE: 251 Causeway Street, Suite 500. Boston, MA

Meeting called to Order 10:00 am

Present:

Charlie Burnham, SRMCB
Gary Gonyea, SRMCB
Brad Mitchell, SRMCB
Donna Mitchell, SRMCB
Mark Buffone, MDAR
James Jurgenson, Berkshire
Wayne Andrews, Bristol
Gordon Wolfe, Bristol
Gabrielle Sakolsky, Cape Cod
Tim Deschamps, Central MA
Tim McGlinchy, Central
David Henley, East Middlesex
Steve Ward, East Middlesex
John Smith, Norfolk
David Lawson, Norfolk
Walter Montgomery, Northeast Mosquito and Wetlands
Raymond Zucker, Plymouth
Bob Thorndike, Plymouth
Bruce Landers, Suffolk

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Agenda Item #1: Commissioner Appointments / Reappointments

The Board was informed of the below Commissioners seeking re-appointment:

Dean Mazzerella -Central
Donna Putt - Norfolk
Daniel Amorium - Bristol
William Mara – Plymouth
Gerald Carpinella – Essex
Francis Gens – Suffolk

Chairman Mitchell said Commissioner appointments must be made in a way that adds strength to all Commissions and to meet SRMCB and local policies as well as guidelines. The new applications will take into consideration a number of criteria such as diversity in commissioners (elderly people, active municipal employees, people knowledgeable of mosquito control, etc. Applications should be sent out to each commissioner and we will keep the existing commissioners awaiting reappointment on duty until April 1st.

B Mitchell made the motion that commissioner stipends would be increased from \$75.00 per meeting to \$100.00 per meeting, effective February 5, 2004. C. Burnham so moved and G. Gonyea seconded the motion. Also, an Association of Commissioners needs to be set up.

Walter Montgomery brought up subject of Essex commissioner James Foley, who had not attended meetings and it was affecting their ability to get a quorum. They tried repeatedly to accommodate him and Walter requested that a letter from Chairman Mitchell be sent to Mr. Foley requesting that he either begins to attend meetings or must step down.

Agenda Item # 2: Project Reports- Audubon Response

Gary requested that all responses to Audubon also be sent to him as well.

SRMCB has received responses from the following projects:

Plymouth
Central
Northeast
East Middlesex
Cape Cod
Bristol

Any projects that have not responded must do so ASAP

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Ray Zucker reported that the Plymouth Mosquito Control Project met with representatives from Audubon in Marshfield. He mentioned that Heidi Roddis was still inquiring about the status of the inland BMP.

During this discussion, it was also noted that the GEIR also needs updating – MEPA is supposed to put it in writing.

Agenda Item # 3: OVM policy on 4WD Vehicles

Chairman Mitchell expressed the need for a meeting with Office of Vehicle Management (OVM) as soon as possible to resolve current vehicle purchase dilemma. A number of mosquito control districts and projects petitioned the SRMCB regarding the need to add vehicles to their fleet. A discussion ensued and it was revealed that OVM policy states that any vehicle readied for disposal needs to be sent to surplus properties. Also, it was noted that the current OVM policy does not allow out of state policies regarding state vehicles (Walter often crosses state lines into neighboring states). Superintendents were reminded that they are state employees and can't do anything about it, but if the commissioners want to work on that they can.

Agenda Item #4: Status of SRMCB procurement delegation and results of Quality Assurance Audit

D. Mitchell reported that Norfolk County Mosquito Control Project requested level funding for FY05. She remarked that all districts/projects agreed to the need for a meeting with Department of Revenue for a complete explanation on how the assessment process works. She committed to calling DOR contact Lisa Juscwitez to set up a meeting in the near future.

Agenda Item # 5: Other Business

DPH Mosquito Pools – Limited testing for WNV for projects

Some towns want to join SRB for surveillance

Essex will do their own testing - CDC protocol will be adapted because DPH will not revise their protocol. Brad responded with the need to meet with DPH on this

D. Henley said he sent a letter to DPH informing them they support CDC protocol

B. Mitchell said to notify SRB when projects do those things and SRB will contact DPH .

In May they will take a vote between CDC and DPH protocol, but first they need to see specific differences. Wayne Andrews and Walter Montgomery will put testing protocols in writing to SRB. CDC guidelines and letters of support will help.

The Board asked that the next meeting be scheduled for April. Meeting adjourned at 12:04pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Donna Mitchell, Projects Administrator

